



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the 20th Anniversary of AmeriCorps

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps began operating in 1994 after the passage of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, with more than more than 5,478 of Hawai'i residents have served more than 5 million hours and qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$12 million dollars since 1994; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members address the most pressing challenges facing our nation, from educating students for 21st century jobs to supporting veterans and military families to providing health services and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing experience, career skills and college scholarships for those who serve; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,100 AmeriCorps members of all ages and backgrounds serve in Hawai'i, providing vital support to our people and improving the quality of life in our state; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members serve in more than 400 locations in Hawai'i, bolstering the civic, neighborhood and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members demonstrate commitment, dedication and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, and after their terms of service remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, public servants, and civic leaders in disproportionately high levels; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2014, the nation will mark the 20th anniversary of AmeriCorps with a simultaneous, nationwide swearing-in of a new class of AmeriCorps members and recognition events saluting AmeriCorps members and alums for their powerful impact;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2014, as

"AMERICORPS DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the positive impact of AmeriCorps in our state, and thank those who serve while continuing to find ways for all of us to give back to our communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighth day of September, 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i